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I would truly like to understand how Microsoft's giving of software products they have already produced, to schools and people that would never buy them anyway punishes their monopoly and decreases their market share. The only true cost to Microsoft giving their software to these people is the cost of printing the manuals and CDs. This does nothing to make amends to the millions of Microsoft customers who have suffered overpriced, un-inovative, poor quality products because alternative competing products have been either bought or forced out of business by Microsoft. Furthermore, I would like to understand how training many of the young recipients of this settlement to use Microsoft products helps improve awareness and support of competing products.

As an engineering graduate student, I don't consider myself a fool but I simply can't imagine a scenario under which the currently proposed settlement reduces Microsoft's monopoly of several markets. Maybe I have a poor imagination. I'd very much like to see alternative settlements under which, Microsoft's competitors and customers are awarded monetary or other creative product replacement settlements such as RedHat Software's proposal to supply the same underprivileged schools with computers using RedHat's software at Microsoft's dime. As a person who is aware of the social/political, technological and economical impacts of this case, I urge you to reconsider this settlement.

Thanks,  
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